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1. AT THE SPC MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, ITALIAN REP  
LIFTED HIS RESERVATIONS TO LISTING OF MBFR DELEGATIONS  
IN THE METHOD DESCRIBED REFTEL. CANADIAN REP COMMENTED  
THAT SAME METHOD SHOULD APPLY TO ALL PARTIES TO THE  
NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT IF THE EASTERN SIDE HAD PROBLEMS  
WITH THIS METHOD CANADA WOULD WANT TO EXAMINE THE  
QUESTION.

2. UK REP REPORTED THAT HE HAD NOT YET DRAFTED A  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING REGARDING STATUS OF NATO  
INTERNATIONAL PERSONNEL, COMMENTING THAT WHEN HE DID  
SO HIS DRAFT WOULD REFLECT ALREADY KNOWN VIEWS OF HMG.  
SPC REQUESTED IS AND UK DELEGATIONS TO PRODUCE AGREED DRAFT  
DURING THE COMING WEEK.  
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3. SPC AGREED WITH UK SUGGESTION FOR INFORMAL  
TITLE FOR VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS (USNATO 3536) US REP DREW  
ON STATE 149796. THERE WAS A BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THE  
USE OF INITIALS "MBFR" ON LETTERHEADS, WITH FRG SUGGESTING

LETTERS TO NEUTRAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD USE THAT TERMINOLOGY WHILE LETTERS TO EASTERN DELEGATIONS MIGHT SAY "DELEGATION OF -----". THE GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS THAT THIS WAS A MATTER OF PROTOCOL TO BE SETTLED ON THE SPOT LATER IN THE YEAR.

4. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE (COL. WOLF) COMMENTED THAT THE MC WAS STILL EXAMINING THE QUESTION OF MILITARY REPRESENTATION IN VIENNA. NETHERLANDS REP WISHED IT UNDERSTOOD THAT COSTS ESTIMATES REGARDING MILITARY REPRESENTATION IN VIENNA SHOULD BE ON CONTINGENCY BASIS ONLY. UK REP STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THERE WAS A CEILING ON THE NATO MILITARY BUDGET AND THAT COST FOR MILITARY REPRESENTATION IN VIENNA WOULD BE IN ADDITIONAN REPEAT IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING CEILING FOR THE MILITARY BUDGET. K REP EXPRESSED HOPE THIS VIEW WAS SHARED BY OTHER DELEGATIONS.

(COMMENT: (REQUEST GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT).

5. NATO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SEKERIS REPORTED THAT THE SHOTTENRING BUILDING WAS PERHAPS NOT YET EXCLUDED AS A POSSIBILITY. MEANWHILE, AS REPORTED REFTTEL, NATO/IS REP DE BURLET HAD GONE TO VIENNA AND HE WOULD LOOK AROUND FOR OTHER POSSIBILITIES.

6. THE SPC REQUESTED SEKERIS TO DO MORE STUDIES ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM WOULD BE NEEDED IN PRINCIPLE.

7. THE MEETING ENDED WITH A BRIEF AND INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF AUSTRIAN VIEWS REGARDING SHARING OF CONFERENCE COSTS. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) WHO WILL BE IN VIENNA DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 6 WAS ASKED TO STAY AWAY FROM THIS SUBJECT IN ANY TALKS HE MIGHT HAVE WITH AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS. IF AUSTRIANS RAISED SUBJECT WITH HIM, HE WAS TO LISTEN TO THEIR VIEWS, BUT TOTALLY RESERVE THE ALLIANCE POSITION. RUMSFELD

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